

PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE.

TROPICAL SPICES grow mostly in the torrid zone. On the tropical islands of the eastern hemisphere and the coasts of Australia is cultivated a climbing shrub bearing the black pepper of commerce.—
A reddish brown berry, gathered once a year, and when dry assumes the taste and color familiar to us. Cinnamon is the inner bark of a tree growing chiefly in Ceylon, of which island it is probably a native. Clavers are the dried buds of a small evergreen tree, cultivated almost exclusively on the Island of Amboyna, one of the Spice Islands. Nutmegs are the seed of a tree thirty feet high, now grown principally on the island of Banda. Mace is the outer covering of the nutmeg. Vanilla is the product of the vanilla plant, cultivated in Mexico, Central America and Brazil.

HERE is a statement of what may be found in a place called Hwy City—a "city" 575 miles west of St. Louis, founded on a spot where buffaloes, antelopes and beavers were undisputed land-owners up to midsummer of this year: It has already four hundred people, a railroad, a depot, three railroad machine shops under way, two hotels, a fine theatre building, stores and dwelling houses in profusion, two express lines, two overland mail and stage lines, and, of course, a brisk little newspaper, with probably the largest number of "business advertisements" ever collected in a town which, three months before, was a wilderness, with no settlement within fifty miles.

On the borders of California and Oregon are a series of marshes or lakes of warm water, extending north and south about forty miles, and in some places about fifteen miles wide. There are miles of uninterrupted water and then other miles of marsh. A strong northerly current sets through them, which, it is thought, is caused by a subterranean river, and some articles of the opinion that the waters that disappear in Nevada reappear there.

The cleanest village in the world is Brock, in Holland, which no horse or carriage has ever been permitted to enter, and where everything is kept with the most scrupulous neatness. Before entering many of the houses you are required to remove your shoes. It is said that even the Emperor of Russia was compelled to comply with this custom.

A TALLOW TREE grows in Attakapas, Louisiana, and on the bayes of St. Mary, from which enough berries may be gathered in a day to make eight pounds of superior tallow. These berries grow on the wax myrtle, but it should be called the tallow myrtle or tallow tree, since it produces not wax but tallow.

In the town of Coburg, N. Y., an infant was born which weighed only one pound. The child is now in her third month and has gained a pound and a half. An ordinary sized man's finger-ring will easily pass over her arm to the elbow, and her shoes are just two inches long.

There is a bird in Numidia called the "Demoiselle." It imitates the gestures, manner and walk of a woman. It was called by Aristotle the "Actor or Comedian" and by Pliny the "Parasite or Dancer."

COTTON SOCKS next the skin and woolen ones outside of them, are represented as sure to prevent cold feet. At night the cotton socks will be quite dry and the outside ones damp.

There is a cataract in the interior of Labrador half as high again as Niagara.

Valuable Recipes.

FOR CURING MEAT.—To one gallon of water take $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. saltpetre, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. potash. In this ratio the pickle to be increased to any quantity desired. Let these be boiled together, until all the dirt from the sugar rises to the top and is skimmed off. Then throw it into a tub to cool, and when cold, pour it over your beef or pork, to remain the usual time, say four or five weeks. The meat must be well covered with pickle, and should not be put down for at least two days after killing, during which time it should be slightly sprinkled with powdered saltpetre, which removes all the surface blood, &c., leaving the meat fresh and clean. If this recipe is properly tried, it will never be abandoned.

BUCKWHEAT CAKES.—Hall's Journal of Health says buckwheat cakes, when properly made, are very healthy and nutritious. They should be put on a soap stone griddle, over a good fire, and turned once only, and the sooner they are eaten after baking, the healthier and better they are. When turned over more than once, like wheat cakes, they are spoiled, and instead of being the most nutritious of food, become the most indigestible. Some housewives, not being aware of this fact—which is really a chemical one—spoil this favorite food. Soap stone griddles require no grease, and never burn the cakes.

EXCELLENT WHEATEN BREAD may be made by using cold water only to wet the flour. Make a little stiffer than for griddle cakes and pour in shallow pans or saucers, and bake in a hot oven. This will be as light as sponge cake, without any preparation, but the combination of flour and water stirred well and baked immediately. It may be clumsy if mixed too soft, but certainly will not be, if mixed stiff enough and baked quickly.

HONEYCOMB GINGERBREAD.—Half a pound of flour, half a pound of sugar, a quarter of a pound of butter, half an ounce of ginger, one lemon grated, and the whole of the juice, two pounds of treacle. Mix all together to a paste. Make it thin to spread upon flat tins, rubbed well with butter. Bake it in a moderate oven.

REMEDY FOR SPRAINS.—One egg well beaten, half a pint of vinegar, one ounce of spirits of turpentine, a quarter of an ounce of wine, and quarter of an ounce of camphor. These ingredients to

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